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Brunella Borzi of the MFA's Office for Human Rights confirmed June 1 that Italy would sign the reftel letter to UNSECGEN Kofi Annan urging quick action to establish the UN Fund for Democracy. Polmincouns had pre-briefed MFA DG Terzi about the letter, and Borzi said that the MFA had provided the Italian Permrep with authorization to sign it. At this point, Borzi described Italian support as political. They do not have monies in 2006 to provide contributions to the Fund but may be able to consider fiscal support next year.

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